

February

Music SCHOOL

SSEMBLY

Pizza Lunch

Friday 19th February

Friday 12 February

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Australia Day

1.30pm-2.30 pm

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MERRIWA SCHOOLS' CAMPUS **67 BALTIMORE PARADE MERRIWA WA 6030**

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NEWSLETTER NO1

DATE: 5TH FEBRUARY 2016

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Welcome back. We are pleased to see you all and we thank you for preparing your children for school so well. Their happy faces, their uniforms, books, bags and lunches ASSEMBLY 12th are a credit to you and we appreciate how much this takes for a family to get ready for the start of school.

The children have settled in and overall student numbers are still to be confirmed. This year we enrolled 40 new Children, and final numbers are still being finalised as Children return from their holidays.

Building Upgrades

Thank you for your support for our P and C and for paying your voluntary contributions. We are very careful with our funding, and as a result of our savings over the holidays we have organised:

- New Carpets in Rooms 6 and 7
- New Vinyl in Room 6a
- Shade sails being fitted on the junior playground next week
- 60 new ipads in the Junior Classes
 - New computer Cabling throughout the school
 - An upgrade to our whole school computer system
- Repairs to the front concrete paths

You can pay your voluntary contributions by direct debit to:

Merriwa Primary School BSB 016 246 Acc No: 340918248

Or you can make payments directly to the office at a rate of \$40 per child and \$120 for three Children or more. Your payment helps to upgrade our school and the benefits are given directly to your children, so please send it in as soon as you can.

Swimming Lessons Term One

The Department of Education has allocated Term One to us this year. Lessons will be held at Joondalup Arena from Wednesday 30 March, to Friday 8 April, a total of 8 lessons. The cost is less this year, at \$40, and we encourage all families to send their children. We know that it is sometimes difficult, and if you have financial issues and would like to make part payments, please contact the office. We are happy to help.

Parent Meetings

Your child will soon be bringing home an invitation for you to meet with the class teacher. This is a great chance to hear what we have planned for your child this year, and for you to ask any questions. We look forward to seeing you.

Term Planner

Please see the attached planner for all term events. We love to see you come along to our special events, so please join us when you Can. Have a great term, Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal

P& C Meeting-Tuesday **16 February** 1.30 in staff room

Merriwa Primary and ESC Website

www.**merriwa**ps.wa.e du.au

Breakfast Club

Mon, Tue, Wed Thurs & Fri From 8am Volunteers are needed!

SCHOOL UNIFORMS **Available at LOWES** situated at Ocean **Keys Shopping** Centre

From the Principal....Merriwa ESC...

Welcome back to a new school year. It has been a very encouraging week with students settling very quickly and staff establishing their routines, ensuring a positive start for all concerned.

I extend a warm welcome from Merriwa ESC to our new families and trust that you will feel settled over the coming weeks. I hope you will try to engage yourself in the various activities and committees in our school community over the year.

We currently have 33 students enrolled across the ESC and have created 6 classes, including the Early Intervention program. We welcome two new teachers: Ms Lyndsey Foy and Ms Amy McInerney and trust they will feel very much a part of the team before too long. Welcome back Ms Peta Tait who has returned part time from parenting leave.

Thank you to all our families for ensuring that students were ready for the school year, your assistance is appreciated and allows for a smooth start. It is also wonderful to see the students in uniform each day.

My staff and I look forward to working with you towards positive outcomes for your child. Please utilise your communication book and check it regularly for any messages, this is a convenient method of keeping everyone informed. Arrangements will be made over the next week to organise parent teacher information meetings at a time convenient to you, please keep an eye out for further information.

Mrs Karen Macri,

Principal ESC

School Attendance

It is important to be at school every day. To get the most of a good education, children need to come to school every day. School attendance has a major influence on educational outcomes. Students who attend regularly are more likely to achieve better results at school and are more likely to complete their schooling. Parents can make it easier for their child to attend school by having a positive attitude to learning and education. School attendance patterns commence in kindy and pre-primary. It is important that from the first day of school parents set an expectation that their children will be at school every day.

Did you know?

Missing an average of ten days of school a term adds up to missing two full years of schooling by the end of Year 10.

Tips you can do to support school attendance:

Talk positively about going to school and learning.

Help your child get into a routine for getting ready to go to school stress-free.

Help your child to get ready for school in the morning.

Talk about the positive social aspects of school, friends, favourite classes and subjects, favourite teachers.

Taking family holidays during school term can interrupt your child's education. If you are planning a family holiday during term please make an appointment to discuss this with Mrs Waterhouse, our school principal, to have your vacation leave authorised.

Jeff Hoskins

Associate Principal

Calling for volunteers - we need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is Tuesday. If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please fill in the tear off section below and return it to the office.

Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name:	
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Phone: _____

Email: _____

Availability:

	Merriwa Primary School Staff 2016		
Class	Teacher/s	Room	
Kindergarten	Andrea Hollie	Room 3	
	Kristie Avins & Teneale Hogan	Room 4	
Pre Primary	Charon Thompson, Alex Allan	Room 1	
	Terri Liddleow & Janelle Avins	Room 2	
Year 1	Siobhan Morgan	Room 6	
	Erin Purcell	Room 7	
	Sophie Perkins & Therese Hutchinson	Room 9	
Year 2	Sue Zainudin	Room 11	
	Ahidan Barr	Room 12	
	Philipa Hill & Jo Dorney	Room 13	
Year 3	Renee Rogers	Room 10	
	Judy Mair & Tracy Hanratty	Room 21	
Year 3 & 4	Cathy Hay	Room 22	
Year 4	Di Reweti	Room 19	
Year 4 & 5	Nikki Nelson (& Louise Carroll Term 2)	Room 15	
Year 5 & 6	Ben Collins	Room 16	
	Shonagh McKenzie	Room 17	
	Lynda Radich & Allison Ebert	Room 18	
Science	Ben Allan	Room 14	
Music	Rose Prior	Music Room	
Physical Education	Chris Leonard		
LOTE/Italian	Melissa Zoccali	Room 20	

PIZZA LUNCH—FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY

The P & C will be hosting the first pizza lunch for 2016! Pizza will be ordered from Eagle Boys and given to the the students at lunch on Friday 19 February.

Boxes come with 2 slices of the same flavour pizza and cost \$4. Different type of pizza cannot be put in the same box, but students may order more than one box if desired. Order forms have been sent home, so please return your orders with money in an envelope with the child's class and name on it.



Our first P and C meeting is on Tuesday 16 February at 1.30p.m. in the staff room. Come along and see how you can help to raise money for our children!

<u>New</u> Joondalup Autísm Mum's Group Coffee Morníngs

Following the success of the Northern Suburbs Autism Mum's Group, Developmental Disability WA are supporting a new group that has started in the Joondalup area.

Clarkson Library

27 Ocean Keys Boulevarde, Clarkson

Please join us for an informal coffee morning and meet other mums who understand how challenging life with autism can be......

Tuesday 9th February 10.00am – 12.00pm (You can come later or leave earlier if you need to)

Coffee and Tea provided

For more information about the group and dates contact one of the group Coordinators Helen on 0413 123 615 <u>holistichealthau@gmail.com</u>. Gill on 0401 257 093 <u>infohldcs@gmail.com</u>

Student Council Speeches

Those year 6 students who have nominated for a position on this years student council will be presenting their speeches at 8.40am in the school's undercover area, Friday. We wish all the students good luck with their speeches. The election will be carried out immediately following the speeches. Students in years 4 to 6 will be allowed to vote.

Hopefully Head Girl and Boy and Councillor badges will be presented at the following weeks assembly. Parents of the successful candidates will be contacted next week.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a lot of lost property that needs to be collected. If you have lost jumpers, hats etc. please come to the office and have a look through the lost property.

Would \$500 assist you with education costs? Would you like to build on your money management skills?



Join Saver Plus and match your savings dollar for dollar, **up to \$500**, for education costs including school uniforms and text books, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition. Gain some new skills too.

To be eligible you must:

- have a child at school or starting next year AND
- have a Centrelink Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card AND
- have some form of income from work, for example, you or your partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Call or SMS Meagan your local Saver Plus Coordinator at The Smith Family on 9440 4147 or 0438 518 603

PLAYGROUP MERRIWA PRIMARY SCHOOL

0 - 3 year olds

TERM 1 STARTING FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY IN ROOM 5 8.45AM—11.00AM Please register your interest at the office.

SUN SCREEN

Please make sure you apply sunscreen to your children before sending them to school as the days are becoming very hot and it is vital that they are protected. Staff will remind children to reapply their



sunscreen during the school day. Sunscreen is listed on the school booklist so please ensure that you send it in to the classroom where it will be kept.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS Thank you to the parent who have already paid their Voluntary Contributions. Voluntary Contributions can be paid at the school office.

> Kindy—Year 6—\$40 One Child—\$40.00 Two Children \$80.00 Three or more children—\$120.00